

MR. GOULD'S STOP ORDER

Probably Due to Report of City Engineer Calling Attention to Impounding Above City.

NOT DIVERSION SCHEME

Epworth League Union Elects Officers—Honorably Discharged After Philippine Campaign.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—The announcement that work on the Appomattox diversion scheme will be affected by the orders issued by Frank Jay Gould is misleading, inasmuch as his company, the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, have nothing whatever to do with this work, the appropriation of \$200,000 therefor having come from the Federal government.

In speaking to-day of the orders to stop work on the Gould improvements, an official of the Passenger and Power Company declared that it was extremely improbable that the order would interfere with the work now being done for the company by Messrs. Lane Bros., for the reason that the contractors are under a \$15,000 forfeit to complete the work of widening and deepening the canal by April 1st, and the company would hardly undertake to stop this work and thus invite a suit. To get their plant in operation it cost the Lane Bros. between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

CAUSE OF ORDER

The impression prevails here that the reaching order was caused by the communication from the city engineer of Petersburg, sent to the City Council, and pointing out alleged danger to the city in the impounding of such a quantity of water above the city.

Following the annual meeting of the Epworth League Union, held last night at High Street Methodist Church, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: J. R. Wade, president; Ernest Moore, J. B. Harrison, E. L. Mann, W. E. Spain, vice-presidents; J. R. Harter, A. Williamson, secretary; J. R. Harter, assistant; Norman Wicks, treasurer. The address of the occasion was delivered by the Rev. R. M. Maxey, of Richmond, who spoke on "Work." The address was pronounced earnest and practical.

PHILIPPINE VETERAN

A. F. Delvaux, son of Dr. Delvaux, of Petersburg, is at home after having served with distinction as a private in Troop D, Fifteenth United States Cavalry, which, for the most part, was stationed in the Philippines. Mr. Delvaux was honorably discharged from the service. Joseph Johnson, colored, was arrested to-day on the charge of entering and robbing the house of a negro, Adeline Williamson. He confessed to the crime, and part of the stolen goods were recovered.

Misses Carrie and Minnie Darden, of Newsoms, Va., who were the guests of Miss Mary Booth, are in Farmville, Va., the guests of Miss Bessie Robertson Martin and Miss May Twitty Paulett.

Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" will be presented at the Petersburg Academy Tuesday next.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS.

Lady Makes Friends of Birds. Partridges and Deer Tame.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROXBURY, VA., Feb. 5.—A room full of birds, sweet songs from the happy little songsters, the result of one little act by a good and tender hearted lady and her little son during the present cold spell.

A little when came to the home of Mrs. Leber, sat on the table while the family was at breakfast, and began to pick up the crumbs as each one passed. It had been among its own feathered tribe.

After being fed, it was taken to the upper story, where it was warm and the cats could not catch the little intruder.

Mrs. Leber left a little opening at the window, where the little birds could go and come at will, while a plenty of food and warm water was left in the room.

Now, Mrs. Leber has fourteen little wrens and one red bird. As come and go at will. The writer was in the home a few days ago and heard the sweet notes of the birds as if it was the month of May instead of cold winter.

Already the birds have selected their nesting places for their little families. All about the room can be seen little bunches of horse hair, straws and wood. The material is being got in place, and building will soon begin.

Mrs. Leber says she is never lonesome, for their sweet music all day drives away the worst case of the blues. Partridges now realize they have no enemies, for they come and feed with the fowl in the barnyard. Deer are herding with the cattle.

Recovering From Scalds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SMITH'S CROSS ROADS, VA., Feb. 5.—The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brooks, of this place, who was very badly scalded by turning a kettle of hot water over on her some time ago, is rapidly convalescing.

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MUZZLES BLOWN OFF IOWA'S BIG GUNS

The Cause of the Accident Has Not Yet Been Determined.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 5.—The battleship Iowa, which arrived at Old Point Comfort last night, had an accident before her arrival. While testing her guns in target practice, the muzzles of both the forward eight-inch guns were blown off. The exact cause of the accident has not been determined. An inspection board, with Captain Train as president, was aboard the ship, and after an examination of the injury she was ordered to return to New York.

The Maine, which was in company with the Iowa, continued on her course to the Southern drill grounds.

The Texas was to-morrow for New Orleans and the Missouri will get away on Monday.

Crowds Stand in Front of His House to Hear the Reports.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 5.—Rev. C. W. Pettitt, minister of the Methodist denomination, wealthy and successful business man and a former Mayor of Norfolk, died to-night, aged sixty-seven years. For several days past he had been very low, and his house has been besieged by hundreds of solicitous citizens. These stood in crowds to-night in front of the house of the much loved citizen awaiting news. The City Hall bell was tolled when he passed away. Mr. Pettitt was ordained a minister in the Methodist Protestant Church in 1860. He had a charge here and was a powerful preacher. In the Methodist Episcopal Church after its union with the Protestant Church in Virginia he was a local preacher and managed the extensive business left him by his father. He led the reform in 1894 and made a model Mayor. He is survived by a widow and a large family of children.

RAILROAD SURVEY.

To Connect Chesapeake and Ohio and Farmville and Powhatan.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
POWHATAN, VA., Feb. 5.—A party of surveyors left Richmond to-day with the avowed purpose of locating a line of railroad from Farmville to the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad, to Rosney, on the Chesapeake and Ohio. Those in touch seem to think this means the purchase by the Chesapeake and Ohio of the Farmville and Powhatan, and the establishment of a broad gauge from Farmville to Bermuda Hundred.

LARGEST MAN IN ROCKBRIDGE DEAD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 5.—Mr. John H. Petty, aged fifty-three years, is dead at his home on Bratton's Run, near Rockbridge Alum Springs. He was perhaps the largest man in Rockbridge county, measuring six feet and three inches in height and weighed 415 pounds. He leaves a wife and six grown children.

West-Bound Sailors.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 5.—Three more youths from the training ship Franklin were in Suffolk last evening and at their request spent the night in prison. They

claimed not to be deserters, but said their dishonorable discharges had been granted. The police gave them freedom without investigating their story. Two were uniformed Westbound sailors from the Franklin are getting to be common sights in Suffolk.

HITCH IN THE COURT.

Old Term a Joint Arrangement and No Provision for It Now.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—Next Monday is the day set for the February term of the James City County Circuit Court, but there is some doubt as to the holding of the court.

Formerly James City county and the city of Williamsburg held court jointly, but there is no provision made for such court under the new Constitution. The Legislature will be asked to make provision for this court.

Hampton Roads Railway.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 5.—It is stated here that the prospects of the completion of the Hampton Roads Railway are now more definite than they have been since it went into the hands of a receiver. The completion probably will be brought about by the receiver issuing sufficient certificates to finish the construction of the road. The amount necessary is estimated at about \$300,000.

Merry Sleigh Bells.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MONTROSS, VA., Feb. 5.—Since Thursday night, January 28th, this section has been covered in from eight to ten inches of snow. In the history of this village has sleighing been better or more generally participated in. Everybody who didn't have a sleigh made one, and from early in the morning until far into the beautiful moonlight nights the jingle of sleigh-bells and the laughter of the merry sleigh parties are heard.

Social Club in Dry Town.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—The charter granted to the Peninsula Social and Hunting Club was received at the clerk's office to-day. The directors are George E. Waltrip, C. M. Cowles, Isaac Johnson and W. H. Sweeney, Jr. Under the provisions of this charter the club can dispense wines and liquors to its members. As Williamsburg is a dry town it is likely there will be some interesting developments.

New National Bank.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 5.—Steps are being taken for the establishment in Lexington of another national bank, making the third banking institution here. The movement is headed by Messrs. William M. McElwee, Jr., cashier, and James W. McClure, teller, of the Bank of Rockbridge. The capital stock will be \$50,000 and more than one-half of that amount has already been subscribed by business men of Lexington.

Contract Let for Bridge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CASCADE, VA., Feb. 5.—Messrs. Haymes Brothers, of Pittsylvania, have contracted to erect a covered wooden bridge across Cascade Creek between the village and Byrdville at \$50.

Mathews County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FITCHES, VA., Feb. 5.—Mr. Augustus Galls, an old citizen, fell on the ice a few days ago and broke one of his legs very badly.

NEW ELECTION IN NORFOLK

Now Believed That the Frauds Unearthed in the Last Primary Will Result in This.

PUT LYE IN THE COFFEE

Colored Boy Gets Nine Years in Reformatory for Crime—Silk Weavers Would Not Stay.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 5.—Robert Page, a twelve-year-old negro boy, was convicted in the Corporation Court to-day of the attempted murder, by poisoning, of three persons. His punishment was fixed at three years in the penitentiary in each case. The whole nine years' sentence will, under the court's ruling, however, be spent in the reformatory, as the prisoner will not become of age until the expiration of his sentence.

Page put concentrated lye in the tea which was being brewed for Mr. and Mrs. George Camp, his aged benefactors, and for Miss Andrews, their housekeeper. The mixture was exhibited in court, but counsel did not experiment with it.

SILK WEAVERS RETURN.

Forty-five silk weavers arrived here to-day from the New Jersey mill towns, but learning they were to take the strikers' places at the Norfolk silk mill they returned home.

The Board of Health of New York has come to the assistance of this city and agreed to furnish part of its surplus antitoxin to Norfolk at cost. Therefore, the poor can continue to be treated for diphtheria.

It is now believed that as a result of the frauds practiced at the recent Democratic primary, and which are being investigated by the State Central Committee's representatives, there will be another election in Norfolk.

HONOR WHITNEY'S MEMORY.

Thugs at the navy-yard are all at half-mast to-day. Every ship paid this tribute of the navy to the memory of its one-time chief. The death of former Secretary Whitney was the occasion for this mark of respect.

The work necessary on the cruisers Mayflower and Cleveland, Perry at the yard, will consume about a month. The former ship has been in tropical waters since the Panama revolution, but the latter is just out of the hands of her builders.

TURNED INTO THE SNOW.

The Burning of a Farmhouse in Highland County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MONTROSS, VA., Feb. 5.—An old farmhouse, occupied by Mr. Perry Puffenberger and family and situated on Senk mountain, was destroyed by fire last night. The circumstances and conditions attending the misfortune make it one of the saddest of the long, cold winter. The family was awakened by the heat and flames to find their home almost consumed. The hour was midnight, the mercury at zero and the wind blowing a gale. The parents snatched their two boys and fled to the barn, where they were joined by the family dog. The fire originated, it is thought, from an ash-box placed too close to the house.

NEW OPERA-HOUSE.

Al Orth, the Famous Pitcher, to Coach the Varsity Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—It looks now as if a movement will be started in the near future to build a new Opera House for Lynchburg. The old Opera House is now being used as a wholesale cotton house, and Lynchburg is without any place of amusement. Lynchburg's last theatrical season was, perhaps, the most successful that has ever been known here, and it is very certain that a new Opera House would be a paying enterprise.

Orth, the famous pitcher, will coach the University of Virginia team to the coming season. Orth will leave for the University within a week or two, and remain there until the regular league season opens. Orth was with Washington in the American League last year.

Mr. Hal B. Mosby, inspector of rural free delivery routes, passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route for South Boston, where he will establish a route through a part of Halifax.

Bell-Oakes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—Mr. Irving Bell, of Spotsylvania county, and Miss Luetzeta B. Oakes, of Orange county, were married yesterday at the residence of the bride, near Waco. Rev. J. M. Sizer performed the ceremony.

Oakes-Fletcher.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 5.—Mr. T. M. Oakes and Miss Lucy Fletcher, both of Orange county, were married near Tatum, in that county, at the home of the bride, yesterday, by Rev. J. M. Sizer.

Ballou-Lang.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Feb. 5.—Mr. John C. Ballou, of Washington, D. C., a clerk in the government employ, and Miss Tallulah Lang, of this city, were married at 420 O'Connell yesterday afternoon at Christ Episcopal Church, the Rev. Harry B. Lee officiating.

The groom is a native of Massachusetts, while the bride is from Georgia.

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SUES FOR DAMAGES

E. J. Best Brings Action Against Aetna Life Insurance Company, Claiming \$20,000.

INTERESTING ARGUMENTS

Case in Supreme Court Involving Rights of Towns to Regulate Saloons.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.—E. J. Best, a young attorney of this city, who holds the position of clerk and stenographer to Judge Funnell, of the Federal Court, has instituted suit against the Aetna Life Insurance Company of New York for \$20,000 damages for what he alleges were false and malicious charges made against him by the company. Best is correspondent for the Empire Commercial Agency of New York, and receives instructions to investigate the standing of a Raleigh applicant for a policy. He reported favorably, and later the Aetna Company wrote the Empire Agency that Best was in collusion with their local agent, and paid off a bad risk on the company. Best forwarded affidavits as to the correctness of his report, and the policy was issued. Now he demands the money damages.

A dwelling was destroyed by fire early this morning, and several women barely escaped with their lives. One dashed out with her hair and clothing on fire, it being extinguished before any injury was sustained. There were nine occupants, all women. The building was completely destroyed.

Mr. Jones and Powell have received a letter from Clements and Son, of Lee Hall, Va., stating that the twenty-five cases of tomatoes they shipped to the Jones and Powell of the J. B. Powell scheme were shipped under the impression that it was the regular Jones and Powell, and would not have been shipped otherwise. They enclosed the order which is signed in J. B. Powell's hand and refers the commercial rating of Jones and Powell in Dun and Bradstreet—the rating of the regular firm here.

ARGUMENT HEARD.

Argument was heard to-day in the Supreme Court in the case of Smith Paul vs. the town of Washington, N. C., involving the right of a Board of Aldermen to regulate the hours during which saloons shall be open, require them to have no screens or shades and to have the bar counters certain distances from the door. The point raised is that such ordinances are an interference with constitutional property rights. Charles P. Warren argued for the plaintiff and Stephen Bracaw for the town. The proceeding is in the form of an application for an injunction against the enforcement of the Washington ordinance.

The Bureau Gun Club has decided to open its season March 3d and to hold a big shoot March 15th.

It is stated on reliable authority that the Supreme Court will announce the successful applicants for licenses to practice law to-morrow evening. It will be remembered that forty-three law students stood the examination Monday when court convened for the term.

Mr. J. Williamson, formerly of Pulaski, Va., but now connected with the Independent Press of the Shenandoah Valley, and Miss Annie R. Rolfe, of Petersburg, Va., were married at the home of W. H. Blackhall, in this city, yesterday. Mr. Williamson obtained the license Tuesday and then went to Petersburg for the young lady. They arrived yesterday, and were soon made husband and wife by Rev. R. H. Whitaker.

WANTS ASSISTANT PROFESSORS.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina was held to-day, and President Venable, in his report, asked for assistant professors for the coming year in each of the departments of mineralogy, history, drawing, pharmacy, anatomy, applied mathematics and literature, applied metallurgy and for a well equipped normal department for male teachers in primary departments. He asks also for a law department building, additional equipment for the young lady. They arrived yesterday, and were soon made husband and wife by Rev. R. H. Whitaker.

The Bureau's report shows receipts of the University for the year 1903 to have been \$26,656. Governor Aycock was authorized to appoint a committee of three

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John W. Kennedy, the recently convicted train wrecker.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—James Taylor has been arrested and jailed in Hampton on the charge of murdering Jennie Waites, who has been missing for some time and whose friends suspect Taylor of having killed her. The parties are colored.

STANTON, VA.—They also reported that Opera House as a veritable death trap, unsafe in case of fire should one occur when the house is crowded.

SALISBURY CITY CROSS ROADS, VA.—The Farmers' and Merchants' Phone Company are now extending their lines to Lawrenceville, Va., via Broadax, Va. (Grandy, Va., and Charlie House, Va., and which would have been completed ere this but for the inclement weather.

URANGE, VA.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the new bank of Orange the following officers and directors were elected: R. O. Halsey, president; L. Willis, Jr., vice-president; R. C. Slaughter, cashier; C. J. Stoven, assistant cashier; Directors—R. O. Halsey, L. Willis, Jr., C. J. Stoven, W. J. Tatum, W. F. Critchfield, E. W. Twyman, H. C. Boutwell, R. K. Patrick, L. W. Borton, G. E. Waugh and R. C. Slaughter.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.—Recently a part-dog passed through the Berea section of Stafford county and set havoc in its wake. He bit cattle, hogs and other dogs, and the disease has developed in a number of these. Cattle and hogs have gone mad and injured property and endangered the lives of people, until they were shot. The community is stirred up, and the people are awaiting further developments of hydrophobia.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—The battleship Maine arrived here this morning from Templeville, and a few hours later again steamed out of Hampton Roads on her way to the Southern drill grounds.

VIRGINIA BRIEFS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 5.—The Republicans of this county will hold a county convention at Purcellville February 23d to choose eight delegates and alternates to represent Loudoun in the district convention at Alexandria February 25th.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.—The University of Virginia Dramatic Club, which includes some of the most popular men in the county, has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Frank Harris, of San Antonio, Texas, president; Charles S. Brent, of Lexington, Ky., vice-president; William H. Faulkner, of Peyton, Va., stage manager; J. W. Burge, Jr., of Alexandria, Va., business manager.

STANTON, VA.—The contract was let on Thursday evening to Mr. Pierce Dull to build the scaffold on which to hang